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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO SOVIET STATEMENT ON EXTENSION OF
CONVENTION ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS TO BERLIN

REF: A) BONN 11010, B) MOSCOW 8965, C) STATE 142485,

D) MOSCOW 11427, E) STATE 161045

1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES PRIMARY AIM OF ALLIED RESPONSE TO
SOVIET STATEMENT (REF B) SHOULD BE TO CLOSE OFF EXCHANGES
WHILE HOLDING TO OUR PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED POSITIONS.
INCLUSION OF LANGUAGE IN PARA 1(B) OF TEXT PROVIDED
BY BONN GROUP (REF A) WOULD, IN OUR OPINION, ENCOURAGE
FURTHER FRUITLESS NOTES BETWEEN ALLIES AND SOVIETS OVER
THE MEANING OF WORD "STATUS" IN QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT
TEXT. DEPARTMENT ACCORDINGLY WOULD PREFER THAT PARA 1(B)
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REFTEL (A) BE DROPPED FROM DRAFT ALLIED RESPONSE, AND

THAT MODIFIED TEXT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES BE CONSIDERED AS
ORAL RESPONSE TO SOVIETS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: A. WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR ORAL COMMUNICATION OF 11 JUNE 1974 RELATING TO THE EXTENSION TO THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS; I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM YOU OF THE FOLLOWING: B. THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES REAFFIRM THEIR EARLIER COMMUNICATION OF 3 APRIL ON THIS SUBJECT. AS HAS BEEN POINTED OUT ON THAT AND OTHER OCCASIONS, THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA, BERLIN, TAKES ALL NECESSARY MEASURES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES WHICH WERE REAFFIRMED IN THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971, TO ENSURE THAT AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS EXTENDED TO THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN CANNOT BE APPLIED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AFFECT MATTERS OF SECURITY AND STATUS. C. THE EXTENSION OF THIS INTERNATIONAL COVENANT WAS REVIEWED BY THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA BERLIN WHICH PROPERLY DETERMINED THAT ALL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS WERE MET, AND THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE COVENANT WOULD BE IN NO WAY INCONSISTENT WITH ANY OF THE TERMS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO MATTER OF STATUS AND SECURITY. EN TEXT.

3. BEFORE SENDING ANY INSTRUCTIONS TO MOSCOW, DEPARTMENT WILL AWAIT FURTHER BONN GROUP DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER. WHEN CONSIDERING TEXT, EMBASSY BONN SHOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD PREFER THAT REPLY NOT BE MADE IN ISOLATION IN MOSCOW, BUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER MATTERS WHICH THREE EMBASSIES MAY BE PLANNING TO RAISE WITH THE FONOFF AT THE TIME. INGERSOLL

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